

MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2003
 Member Present: K. Bates, R. Chase, L. Delano, D. Gilman, D. Palladino
 Absent: M. Barter, D. Batsie, D. Boucher, J. Caron, B. Davis, P. Marcolini (Chairman), R. Petrie, P. Plumer, K. Pomelow, D. Russell, B. Zito
 Guests:
 Timekeeper:
 Scribe: D. Corning
 Meeting Opened at: 0915

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
1. Introductions	1. Members and guests made self-introductions.	1. No action items necessary.
2. Ratification of Minutes	2. The September minutes were accepted as presented.	2. No action items necessary.
3. Staff Report	3. Dwight reviewed pertinent highlights from the Operations Team and Board meetings.	3. No action items necessary.
4. Old Business	4.	4.
a. Preceptor Guidelines	a. Because Rick was not able to be at the meeting today and he is going to provide information from United & Delta and Aroostook, this topic was postponed until the November meeting.	a. Rick to review other preceptor guidelines and report back to committee.
b. Domestic Assault Recognition Training	b. Material has not yet been received from Kate Faragher, so this topic will be carried over to the November meeting.	b. Carry over to November meeting.
c. EMT-Basic Refresher – Class Final Evaluation	c. Drexell was in attendance at the meeting to help provide some historical information on courses leading to licensure, refresher courses, and final class tests and evaluations. He advised that prior to 1992 a written and practical final exam was required for refreshers, but that was changed to late 1991 to an “evaluation” being required, rather than an exam. The Education Committee minutes from June 12, 1991 stated in part “Discussion then centered on the advantages and disadvantages of examinations and how this effects the adult learner. The committee agreed the process of evaluation for an adult learner is <i>on-going</i> throughout a refresher program with the final outcome being determined by either a cumulation of the student’s participation in the program or a final exam. This should be at the discretion of the instructor/coordinator because they have a better impression of the	c. Dwight to refer the change needed in the Licensure Program Approval Criteria to the OPS Team.

student's overall performance. Motion: To recommend to the Maine EMS Board the approval of the BLS Refresher program as proposed, hours being between 27-33 with final evaluation being accomplished by the instructor/coordinator. Carried" This was then approved by the Maine EMS Board at their October 1991 meeting. Following this review and discussion, the following motion was made: **Motion: To maintain distinction between licensure courses and refresher courses in terms of final class testing and evaluations, as approved at the October 2, 1991 MEMS Board meeting. Palladino/Delano Passed 4-1-0 (Gilman)** Administrative #15 of the Licensure Program Approval Criteria will be referred back to the Operations Team to clarify.

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| d. Distance Education | d. Rick and Daryl B. continue to work on supporting documents for implementation. The Operations Team has scheduled to discuss this at their November meeting. | d. No action items necessary. |
| e. Program Entrance Requirements | e. Since none of the Regional Coordinators was present today, they will be reminded of this topic for discussion at the OPS Team meeting. | e. Bill, Rick, and Jim to discuss pre-testing with the Operations Team, and consideration for a joint meeting with a community college representative. |
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a. PIFT | 5.
a. The Education Committee needs to begin a discussion on the Paramedic Interfacility Training (PIFT) to consider providing education in drug categories, so that the program doesn't have to be updated every time a new medication is added. We also need to discuss whether or not a new paramedic will need the PIFT program, as they will already be trained in drug categories. Discussion to begin at the November meeting. | 5.
a. All to come prepared to begin discussing this topic. |

The meeting adjourned.at 10:15 am.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2003